

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
YOUTH LINK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 13, 2009  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall  
Room 1E-120  
Bellevue, WA

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-chairs Brenda Gurung and Alice Zhang, Boardmembers Rachel Jiang<sup>1</sup>, Farrah Khan<sup>2</sup>, Michelle Mattson-Hamilton<sup>3</sup>, Brian Li, Mike Murphy, Deven Tokuno, Nikolai Zapertov

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Juan Esparza, Faisal Jaswal, Nancy O'Brien-Abel, Lt. Dave Sellers (*note: all Boardmembers absences were excused*)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Elizabeth Stead, Helena Stephens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Leticia Chang

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Gurung at 6:06 p.m.

Timekeeper: Boardmember Tokuno

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Tokuno and second by Boardmember Murphy to approved the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Tokuno and second by Boardmember Murphy to approve the April 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 6:11 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 6:35 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> Arrived at 6:39 p.m.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Tokuno is the President of the Overlake Hospital Junior Volunteer Board. The Board is offering a new scholarship fund for junior volunteers. Boardmember Tokuno discussed the volunteer program and will e-mail further details to Ms. Stephens.

**5. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. BYC Executive Committee

*See later in the meeting minutes.*

b. Staff Report

*See later in the meeting minutes.*

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

a. City of Bellevue Green Team

Ms. Stead discussed the City's Environmental Stewardship 2009-2012 Strategic Plan. The Environmental Stewardship Initiative is:

To exercise focused leadership with a "One City" approach, to implement continuous change, learning and innovation in practices that drive the organization and the City of Bellevue toward achieving the Environmental Stewardship Initiative Vision.

Ms. Stead noted that the Strategic Plan is organized according to five categories as follows:

- Natural assets.
- Built environment.
- Climate & energy.
- Water.
- Material life cycle.

Some ways the City has been "greening" include:

- Using double-sided copies.
- Switching over to hybrid city vehicles.
- Energy Star computer equipment.
- Composting.
- Environmentally friendly materials used throughout parks.
- LED traffic lights.
- Individual lighting controls at City Hall.
- Pilot program for energy efficient street lights.
- Encouraging commute trip reduction.

Ms. Stead discussed the purpose of the City's Green Building Team, which is to:  
Build a cross departmental team that is a recognizable resource able to promote and support the development of high performing buildings which reduce environmental impacts.

She also discussed the numerous strategies associated with the ESI objective for the Built Environment, which is to "Enhance environmental performance of development in Bellevue."

Further information about the City's Environmental Stewardship Strategic Plan is available on the City's website.

Co-chair Zhang explained the upcoming bag drive sponsored by Youth Link's Environmental Committee and invited Ms. Stead and the Green Team to attend the event. Ms. Stead will discuss the opportunity with the committee as well as with the Carbon Yeti and respond to Ms. Stephens on ways they can assist.

***Item 5 Continued:***

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. BYC Executive Committee

Ms. Chang reported on the following BYC items:

- The BYC voted for the CLA VIP awards at the April 15<sup>th</sup> BYC meeting.
- The CLA meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month.
- There were over 75 people at the April 27 Teen Closet event. The next Teen Closet will be held on June 1.
- There will be a Youth Council Summit on May 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the International School. The program will focus on ongoing youth programs throughout the region.

c. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following items:

- Gumbo Night was a huge success with just over 60 people in attendance.
- The Groundbreakers Middle School Male Mentor event was well attended. The event served as a pilot project for future mentorship programs to be hosted by Bellevue School District.
- The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Leadership Awards Night will be held on May 20 at City Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- There will be a Spring Fling on May 28 to celebrate the Lake Hills Community.
- Jeffrey Jordan, founder of Rescue Social Change Group, will be speaking on June 1 as part of a City of Bellevue, Bellevue College and SOAR hosted event at 2:00 p.m. at Bellevue College.

- The evaluation team from the National Youth Court Association will hold interviews on June 23 with key individuals and groups to begin evaluation of the Bellevue Youth Court project.
- There will be a Youth Court Conference at Seattle University School of Law on May 16.
- The City will be conducting a summer food drive May 18-22.
- The Mountain to Sound Greenway event will be held June 20-21.
- The April 2009 edition of *Reinvesting in Youth* E-Newsletter was distributed.

***Item 6 Continued:***

**UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

b. Community Leadership Awards

Ms. Stephens discussed the details for the upcoming Community Leadership Awards Night, which will be held on May 20 at City Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The event will be much smaller than in years past due to the current economic conditions. Approximately 15-16 public officials have confirmed their attendance.

c. Arbor Day Report

The Park Ranger was unavailable to attend the meeting. Ms. Stephens will try to schedule the Ranger for a future meeting to provide an Arbor Day report.

**7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

a. Environmental Committee Update

The Environmental Committee recently met with Newport High School's Green Team to finalize details for the upcoming plastic bag drive. The event will be held on May 28 at Newport High School from 11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Students will be given a reusable bag, donated by the City, in exchange for 10 plastic bags.

Co-chair Gurung commended the Environmental Committee youth members for taking such a strong leadership role in the event.

***Item 7 Continued:***

**STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

b. Evaluation Committee Update

Ms. Stephens asked the Evaluation Committee to set a meeting date so further progress can be made.

c. Public Outreach & Marketing Update

Ms. Stephens asked the Public Outreach and Marketing Committee to set a meeting date so further progress can be made.

**10. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Zapertov summarized his experiences at the recent DECA Nationals event.

Ms. Stephens discussed a recent letter she received from the Coca Cola Scholarship Committee regarding Misbah Uraizee. Ms. Uraizee was one of 200 finalists competing for the Coca Cola Scholarship.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Boardmember Jiang and second by Boardmember Tokuno to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**